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# **NAF - Printer - Function 31.4**

One or more physical printers must be defined to NATSPOOL to indicate where reports are to be routed.

Besides general information, a physical printer describes technical data required to establish a connection. This information depends on the operating system: CICS, BS2000/OSD or IMS/TM.

Below is information on:

- Invoking Physical Printer
- Selecting a Physical Printer from a List
- Maintaining a Physical Printer

## **Invoking Physical Printer**

When you invoke this function, the Printer window appears:

```
l Administration *** Date 2002-10-21 Menu File 7/411
Time 15:02:17
                  *** Natural Spool Administration ***
User SAG
                                  +----- Printer 7/411 -----
                                  !
      Administration
                                 ! Enter name of
      10 Reports / Queues
      11 Devices
                                        Printer
       12 Abstracts
                                 !
      13 Applications
                                 ! or
       14 Change Spool File
                                 !
                                 !
                                             for Selection
      Maintenance
                                  !
                                  !
                                             for Help
       30 Spool File Properties
       31 Objects
                                            for End
                                  !
       32 Mass Update
       33 Hardcopy Allocations
                                 !
       34 Transfer Objects
 Enter values.
 Command ===>
 Enter-PF1---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
       Help Menu Exit User Logic Alloc Print Heade Appli NTCC Canc
```

In this window, you can specify the name of an existing physical printer, select a physical printer from a list of printers available or add a new physical printer to the spool file.

## **Selecting a Physical Printer from a List**

To select a physical printer from a list, enter one of the following:

- a partly-qualified name (e.g. D\* to list all physical printers starting alphabetically from D),
- an asterisk (\*) to list all physical printers in the NATSPOOL system.

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A list of physical printers is then shown in a window.

The physical printer which was used for the initialization of the current Natural session is highlighted in the window.

The Fl (flag) column indicates the following:

Flag	Description
P	Protected by administrator(s).
S	Physical printer is defined for usage by another operating/TP system.

In the Cm column, you can enter one of the following codes:

Code	Description
С	Copy physical printer.
D	Delete physical printer.
R	Rename physical printer.
	Exit function.
X or any other character	Display physical printer for modification or deletion, see below.

# **Maintaining a Physical Printer**

If the specified physical printer exists, it is displayed. You can modify the form feed parameters or delete the whole physical printer.

### Note:

If you specify a name that does not yet exist, you can add a new physical printer. In this case, the Delete option is not provided in the window.

ser	10:29:04 SAG		_ M ∈	n u	ation ***	File 7	•	
	Modify		DAEPRT10		Delete (Y	(/N)	N	!
!	Owner	. N	Private	printer 1	N Cluster			!
	Standard profile Statistics	s N				sys CIC	 S	!!!!
!!	Check for form . FF sequence	. 0000	) LF sequence		<del>-</del>			!!!
!	NTCC type CICS System ID .	·	. <b></b> .					!!!
!!	Notes						_	!!
Comr	er values for the mand ===> er-PF1PF2PF Help Menu Ex	e print	er. 24PF5PF	6PF7	-PF8PF9	PF10PF		

#### Note:

The layout of the window above changes depending on the operating system specified.

The physical printer name must correspond to one of the following, according to the operating system used:

- the CICS Terminal ID, as specified in the CICS Terminal Control Table TCT; or
- it must be an IMS/TM LTERM name; or
- the physical name (PDN) of a BS2000/OSD printer.

You can specify the following for all operating systems:

- Whether standard profiles are to be used (Y/N). When you add a physical printer, a logical printer and Destination/Form are automatically created. The names of the logical printer and destination correspond to the name of the physical printer. As a form name, A is provided. If you specify N, these objects are deleted.
- The operating system or TP monitor for which you define the printer. You can specify CICS, BS2000/OSD or IMS/TM.
- Whether you require statistics (Y/N). If you specify Y, the number of pages, lines and reports for this allocation are collected and can be maintained using Function 20. When Y is specified, an additional field appears (Add/modify time values). If you specify Y for this additional field and press ENTER, the Time Window appears in which you can restrict this function to a user-defined time range.
- Whether the spool server is to check which form (Destination/Form) was printed on this physical device before (Y/N). If the form differs, printout is not started and a message is sent to the console. This check is not done under BS2000/OSD using system printers and for printers being accessed via a user exit.
- The initial form to be used if "Check for form" is set to Y. If you do not specify an initial form and this flag is set to Y, the first printout will be started and the Destination/Form of this report will then be used.
- When a form feed is to be performed. This information is only evaluated at print time (not when the report is stored on the spool file). Enter one of the following values:

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Value	Description
A	Form feed at beginning and end.
В	Form feed at beginning only.
Е	Form feed at end only.
F	Form feed at end only. (Leading form feed is ignored.)
I	No form feed at beginning and end. (Leading form feed is ignored.)
N	No form feed at beginning and end.
Т	Transparent (no modifications).

- Control sequences for the form feed and line feed.
- The type of printer if you work with printer-specific NTCC tables (see Function 31.8 and the DEFINE PRINTER statement).
- The name of the subprogram that takes control in the spool server over each block sent to the printer. If you do not specify a name, control is passed to the user exit USPSER01 (same as in NAF Version 2.3.). If you do not want a user exit to take control, enter \*DUMMY.
- A description of the physical printer can be added in the Notes field.

All other fields in the screen depend on the operating system currently:

- Maintaining a Physical Printer under CICS
- Maintaining a Physical Printer under IMS/TM
- Maintaining a Physical Printer under BS2000/OSD

## **Maintaining a Physical Printer under CICS**

ser SAG		ural Spool Admini M e n u Printer		File 7/	411
! Modify		DAEPRT10			
		Private print			
! Standard prof	files N		Opsys/Tpsy		•
		Initial form LF sequence 1500			
! NTCC type			 		! !
! CICS System 1	ID				!
! Notes !					! !
Inter values for command ===>	the printer	PF5PF6PF			,
		Logic Alloc Pr			

A specific CICS system ID can be defined for each printer. If you do not specify a value, the value from the spool file options is used (see Function 30.5).

### Maintaining a Physical Printer under IMS/TM

ser	14:05:10 SAG		M e n			File 7/4	11
	Modify	IM	ISPRI	1	Delete (Y/	N)	N
!	Owner	. N	Private p	rinter N	Cluster .		
	Standard profile Statistics	s N			Opsys/Tps		
	Check for form . FF sequence	. 0C00 LF	sequence 3	L500	Server e	xit	
!	Printer Type	•	SCS print	ter (Y/N) Y	Buffer s	ize 1024	
! ! !	IMS BMP Transact IMS BMP JCL Memb	ion ID					
Comr	er values for the mand ===> er-PF1PF2PF Help Menu Ex	printer.	PF5PF6	PF7PF8	PF9PI	F10PF11	PF1

Report data are processed differently. Therefore, you must specify SCS printers by entering Y (yes) or N (no) in the field SCS Printer. In addition, in the Buffer Size field, enter the size of the buffer used by the blocks transferred to the physical printer. The buffer size is defined in bytes and must be in the range of 256 and 4048.

BMP name and JCL member can be defined for each printer. If you do not specify any values, the values from the spool file options are used (see Function 30.5).

### Maintaining a Physical Printer under BS2000/OSD

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User			M (atural Spool	e n u				File	7/411	
!	Modify		DR1171			De	elete (Y/	N)		N !!
!	Owner	N	Private pri	nter 1	N		Opsys/Tp	sys B	S2000_	_ !!
!	Standard profiles Check form FF sequence	N N ODO	Statistics Init. form C LF sequence	N e 0D1	 5	/ _	FF contre	ol N xit _		! ! ! !
!!	User exit	NTC	C type							- !! . !!
!	Protocol type SEC. retry Max.No. restarts	20_	SEC. time	out	60		Trace (Y	/N)	N	!!
· ·	Connection type	S	Message h	eader	*STD_					 ! ! - ! !
!	Notes									! !
Com	er values for the mand ===> er-PF1PF2PF3 Help Menu Exi	- }P	F4PF5P						PF11 NTCC	

You can specify the following:

• The name of a user exit:

User Exit	Description
EXIT1	A user-written program gets control for each line of a report created for this physical printer. The control sequences for line feed and form feed are not modified. The program name for this type of exit is NAFEXIT1.
EXIT2	A user-written program gets control for each block before it is send to the physical printer using the YSEND macro. The program name for this type of exit is NAFEXIT2.
EXIT3	A user-written program gets control for all required functions (that is, open connection, start report, send data, close report, close connection). These functions must be executed by the user-written program. The program name for this type of exit is NAFEXIT3.
no specification	A user-written program will not be invoked.

- Whether the SNI spool system RSO is to be used (Y/N).
- An RSO form parameter for printers that are controlled using the SNI spool system RSO. If you do not specify a parameter, the destination value from the allocation is used. It is also possible to define a value in the NAF parameter module which ignores all other values.
- A protocol type (NEAR or ISO).
- The name of the processor which controls the printers.
- Whether the trace option is to be activated (Y/N) to get information on the DCAM and PRNT macros that are executed for this physical printer. When activated, trace messages (that is, the functions, their return codes, the name of the physical printer, date and time) are written to the protocol file SYSOUT.
- The number of seconds after which the system tries to reestablish the connection to a printer. After 3 unsuccessful attempts, this is canceled.
- The spool server expects an acknowledgement for each message sent to a printer. You can specify the period in seconds after which a timeout is to occur.
- If the Restart option is active (see Function 30.5), you can specify the maximum number of restarts. When the maximum number is reached, the printer is deactivated for the spool server. Value 99 means that the number of

restarts is unlimited. Value 0 means that there is no restart and that the printer will be set to FREE status.

- The buffer size, that is, the maximum size of a block that is sent to a printer. The maximum number is 4048 bytes.
- The connection types for physical printers that are accessed by DCAM calls. You can specify one of the following:

Value	Description
В	Should be used for devices defined as bypass printers in the PDN definition. This is important for printers used as hardcopy devices.
N	Should be used for devices connected to directly to VR or to a MSF using the BAM protocol.
S	Should be used for devices connected to a MSN or an emulation.
P	Should be used to access a device or application (emulation) without modification to the data stream.

• The name of a message header. See also Function 31.A.

### **Example of Connection Type and Message Header:**

The name of the message header is D9001 and the connection type is **B**. The spool server looks for a message header named D9001\_\_\_B. If this message header is not defined, the spool server uses the standard message header for the corresponding connection type: \*STD\_\_\_N (BAM) or \*STD\_\_\_B (bypass).

Standard values are used for bypass and BAM connections only. When a printer is accessed via EXIT3 or is set to Connection Type **P**, the spool server searches for a correct message header. If a message header is not found, the data are processed without message header values.

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